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The Mecca...

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THIRD FLOOR---LACE CURTAINS.

5,000 pairs Lace Curtains at lower prices than ever quoted for like qualities. Lace Curtains 50c to \$37.50 per pair. Wonderful values at \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48 and \$2.98 per pair.

PORTIER CURTAINS.

200 pairs Satin Tapestry, Derby Portiers at \$2.48, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.95 up.

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WAY UNDER REGULAR PRICES.

Regular \$1.00, 18x36 Moquette Rugs......\$.69 Regular \$3.00, 30x60 Moquette Rugs..... 1.08 Regular \$4.00, 36x72 Moquette Rugs.................. 2.98

Starting as low as 49c for a fast black Umbrella with natural handle, on up to \$10 each. Every kind of good materials with every kind of desirable handles.

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movement, value \$1.50, for\$1.19
Imitation Cut Glass Water Jugs, silver plated top, value \$1.50,

500 Opal Etched Glass Toilet Bottles, painted by hand, value \$2.00. Our price\$1.19

EXTRA SPECIAL.

500 One-Day American Lever Watches, perfect time keepers and a wonder at the price.....\$1.co 200 Sterling Silver, 925-1000 fine, Embroidery Scissors or Manicuring Scissors, jewelry store price \$1.00. Our price.... 50c

STONE & THOMAS.

Snook & Co.

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Christmas Stock

From A to Z,

And all doubts will vanish as to where you should make your purchases. Never before were compliments more liberally showered upon us-never before have early buyers responed so generously. Therefore, we say to you-Buy to-day, as that which you desire most might be gone to-morrow



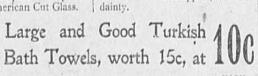
China-

If you appreciate artistic Chinaware, see our Ch. F. Haviland Trays, etc. These were Plates, some of the finest pieces contained in their New York store, and good judges tell us they are cheap. The highest priced plates are only \$5.95. 113-piece Haviland Dinner Sets \$24.50 up. Haviland perforated hot cake dishes again received. These retain the heat, allow the steam to escape and prevent contents from becoming soggy. Our new Christmas line of "Warwick" -the ware which does not crazeis larger and prettier than ever. In this department are Lamps, Onyx Tables, "Dark Wedgewood," "Bo-hemian" and "Teplitz" Art pieces and Richest American Cut Glass. FANCY AND STAPLE



MAKE SUITABLE HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Ladies finest gauge, winter weight, fast black Cotton Hose, 50c grade, 3 pairs in box for \$1.00. Fancy Plaid and Striped Hose for Men. Women and Children, 35c to \$1.25 pair. Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose 10, 12c, 25c pair and up. Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose, Moco feet, 15c and 25c pair. Ladies' Fast Black Fleece Lined Hose 15c pair up. Children's Fleeced Hose 12c up. Ladies' Wool Hose 25c, 37, 5oc and up. 1,000 pairs Ladies' Boxed Garters 10c, 25c pair and up. Infants' Moccasin Shoes and Slippers, new and



Good sized Cotton Honey Comb Towels 5c each. Hemmed and Hemstitched Linen Towels, specially good values at 10c, 15c, and 25c. *** Table Linens and

Napkins have advanced 20 per cent, but we are selling them at old prices. New White and Tinted Spachtel Work. Hemstitched Spreads, Sheets, Pillows and Bolsters. 18-inch Down Filled Silk Pillows, worth \$1.50, Christmas price 98c. Our finest St. Mary's Blankets at special Christmas reductions.

NEW--- Enameled Japanese Boxes in all shapes.

Special Christmas prices in Cloak Room-Positive Reductions. Store open every evening. Come early and avoid rush,

Geo. M. Snook & Co.

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When making presents to give samething useful, something, too, something useful, something, too, that will add to the comforts and ease of the person receiving it.

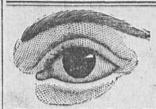
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Are known the world over as being the most comfortable and best made,

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For the Holiday Trade

We have ordered six carleads of pianos. We expect to sell even more than these. They are largely Steinway, Kra-kauer and Ludwig pianos.

WE HAVE RENTED AN EXTRA STORE ROOM

To give us room in our own store to display this large stock. In no other store can you find so large an assortment. Of no other firm can you obtain as low prices, quality always considered. Come in and let us prove it.

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Neckwear-Latest, newest and brightest styles.

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Water Rents Are Due.

Water rents for the six months end-ing March 31, 1898, are now ready. If paid on or before December 31, 1897, a discount of 10 per cent will be allowed. THE CITY WATER BOARD.

AUTOHARPS, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, at half

MILLIGAN, WILKIN & CO.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks

George F. Kuylfendail, of Romney, is at the Windsor. Mrs. Charles F. Tague, of Manning-ton, is a guest of the Howell.

G. L. McKain and E. Reeder, of Man-nington, were McLure registers yester-

Mrs. H. Walker and Mrs. R. Humes, f Luzearville, were visitors in the city esterday.

W. B. Abbott and Charles E. Bailey

were Sistersville arrivals at the Stamm last night. last night.

John Schaffer, an employe of the LaBelle Hn mill, is off ditty, on account
of an injury received to his arm one day
this week.

Fred T. Martin, a prominent lawyer
of Fairmont, is in the city attending the
West Virginia Consistory of Scottish
Rite Masons.

Architishop Kain is the

Archbishop Kein is due to arrive in New York from Rome ta-day, and is expected to reach Wheeling about the end of the week.

Second Hand Upright Plane Per Sale. We have one good upright plane of well known make, which we are offering at a very low price. F. W. BAUMER CO.

HRUSH and Comb Sets, Collar and Cuff Hoges of the only exclusive leather goods house in the city. Wm. Schwerifeger, THE Rest Box of Candles and Marsh-mallows, at ALEX. DURST BON'S,

O. C. GENTHER is the man for everything in the Watch, Clock and Jewelry line.

FIRST MEETING

Of West Virginia Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons

BEGAN IN WHEELING TUESDAY

AND CONTINUES WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY-VENERABLE MASTER W. H. ROSE IS PRESID-ING - DELEGATES PRESENT FROM POINTS IN WEST VIRGIN-IA-A BANQUET TO BE GIVEN ON THURSDAY AT L. O. O. F.

The first annual meeting of the Scot-

tish Rite Masons, West Virginia Consistory, convened in this city yesterday morning at the Masonic temple, and continues until Thursday evening. when the proceedings terminate in a banquet. There are ten candidates, and the work of taking the degrees consumes the major portion of each day. The morning session began at nine o'clock. Venerable Master W. H. Rose presided and the day was devoted to the Lodge of Perfection. Only a few were present from outside of the city, but a number, including Hon. O, Long, of Charleston, are expected to-

Wise Master John M. Birch will preside to-day, at the session of Churity Chapter, Rose Croix. To-morrow the Kadosh and Consistory meet in charge of Praeceptor James W. McCann, and Illustrious Commander in Chief J. W.

Illustrious Commander in Chief J. W.

Morris, respectively.

The banquet to-morrow evening will take place at Odd Fellows' halt. It will be an elaborate affair, and notable in Masonic circles, and largely attended. This is the first meeting since the Consistory was established, and the consistory now makes more expedient the work of taking the degrees by having an annual session with ample time for the work, instead of, as was the case before the consistory was established in this state, of the candidates having to take so many degrees at certain intervals. Colonel Thomas M. Darrah, secretary of the consistory is entitled to a large part of the credit for the success of the meeting.

In Clerk Robertson's Office. Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office,

the following transfer of real estate was recorded:

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Deed made December 13, 1897, by Hen-ry Sies et al., to Louis Biery; consider-ation, \$350; transfers two and one-half acres on Peters' run in Richland dis-

THE GRAY CASE.

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Coroner Schulize, after an examination of the effects of the late John D. Gray, whose sudden death was chronicled Monday, finds that he had only 10 in money and a watch. These will be sent to his wife and daughter in Wales, who, from letters found by the coroner, are in poor circumstances. The story published in a morning paper that Gray was comparatively wealthy is without foundation. He will be buried by the county this afternoon.

ETZ & SEIFERT,

Corner Main and Eleventh streets, Leather specialties. Nothing nicer or more appropriate for a Christmas pres-ent, than fine Leather goods, such as Collar and Cuff Boxes, Pocket Books, Purses, Manicure Sets, Dressing Cases, Military Brushes, Satchels, etc., or a nice set of Harness or a Trunk.

GUITARS from \$4 50 to \$30 00. MILLIGAN, WILKIN & CO.

A GRAND hop will be given by the Jolly Three at Selbert's Garden Friday, December 17. Everybody cordially in-

STEREOPTICON "War Views," Milligan, Wilkin & Co.'s Auditorium, Thursday evening.

HUGO L. LOOS has the finest line of Cigars in the city, as well as the best assortment of Smokers' supplies. If you want to make some old friend an ap-propriate holiday present, call at 1220 Market street.

J. WILHELM, proprietor of the Merchants' Cafe and Restaurant, has the best facilities in the city for serving all seasonable delicacies, as well as substantials.

SHOULD be in every home-Sloan's Liniment; your drusgist keeps it; costs you nothing if not estisfactory; every bottle sold with a warrant. For sale by William Schwertfeger, 1146 Main street.

CANARIES.—560 Hartz Mountain Roller Males, \$2.60; females, 50c, at Henry Helmbright's, corner Market and Sixth streets.

O. C. GENTHER is the man for Sil-

POCKET Books, Purses and Leather novelties of all kinds of the only exclu-sive and experienced leather goods house in the city. WM. SCHWERTFRGER.

THE Best Place to Buy Xmas Candies, Fruit and Nuts-always fresh, at ALEX. DURST SON'S.

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Holiday Rates.

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For the Christmas and New Years
Holidays the Ohio River Raliroad will
sell excursion tickets from all ticket
offices to local stations on its line at ONE
FARE for the round trip. Tickets on
sale December 24, 25 and 31, 1897, and
January 1, 1898, with return limit January
4, 1898.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quiniae Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet: The genuine has L.

IT is casy to catch a cold and just as casy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, ease to use and sure to cure. Charles R. Goerge, Market and Twelfth streets; Chatham Sinclair, Forty-sixth and Jacob streets; A. E. Scheehle, No. 607 Main street; Extey Bros., Penn and Zane streets; Bowle & Co., Bridgeport.

Special for 10 Days.



Solitaire Diamon Rings, set with foil of diamonds, 23.85. Gur Jie, 25.65. 250 and 250. 17 light set of the control of the cont

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Men's Overcoats \$6.50 to \$25.00

Men's Suits . \$6.00 to \$22.00

Boys' Suits . \$2.00 to \$15,00 Boys' Overcoats \$2.00 to \$15.00

Hats . . . 50c to \$ 3.50 Boys' Reefers . \$2.00 to \$ 6.00

Smoking Coats, Underwear, Umbrellas, Shirts, Suspenders, Ties, Sweaters, Hosiery. A full and complete assortment in every line, at prices that make your money reach further than you expect.

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Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS -M'FADDEN'S.

HUB CORNER, FOURTEENTH AND MARKET STREETS.



OUR STORE IS OPEN EVERY NIGHT. so so se FOR so so se

10c for 4-ply linen Collars.

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SELECT FROM THES :-Men's Shoes . .

Free! With every purchase from now until Dec. 25 the facst Christmas Card ever given of of of in this city.

SHOE CO. J. H. LOCKE

J. S. RHODES & CO.

Christmas Presents.

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KID GLOVES.

50 dozen Fine Kid Gloves, special value, in ox-blood, green and black, at \$1.00 a pair. We are sole agents for the celebrated Clementina Kid Gloves, at \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

SILK UMBRELLAS.

One thousand to select from, at 98c to \$7 each. See the new Umbrella with detachable handle-will go in any trunk. HANDKERCHIEFS.

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Grand Holiday Offering.

Bring the Children.

Toys, Games, bolls, ktc. Fancy Goods, Bric-o-Brat, Albums and Bibles, English and German Catholic Prayer Books.

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